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cyano;

R³ represents hydrogen, unsubstituted lower alkyl, lower alkoxy, halo, or cyano;

R⁴ represents hydrogen, or unsubstituted lower alkyl;

R⁵ represents hydrogen, unsubstituted lower alkyl, lower alkoxy, halo, or cyano;

R⁶ represents hydrogen, unsubstituted lower alkyl, lower alkoxy, halo, or cyano;

R⁷ represents hydrogen, or unsubstituted lower alkyl;

R⁸ represents hydrogen, lower alkyl, lower cycloalkyl, aryl, or heterocyclyl;

and pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof.

Please cancel claims 3 and 4.

REMARKS

The present Amendment is responsive to the Office Action dated October 22, 2002.

In the Office Action preceding the one presently under reply, the Examiner required restriction of Applicants' genus claim. Specifically, the examiner requested that the R¹ heterocyclic structures be restricted to oxazolylic structures and that R²-R⁸ be narrowed to exclude the choice of R⁴-R⁸ forming a heterocycle (January 29, 2002 Office Action at p.3). With traverse, Applicants complied with the latter part of the restriction, and counterproposed limiting R¹ to five-membered N,O,S heterocyclic ring structures.